

3. (Amended) A method for preparing a feedstuff additive for crustaceans or fishes comprising

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- a) incubating a gram negative bacterium in culture medium;
 - b) collecting the bacterium from cultured medium of step a);
 - c) extracting the bacterium to obtain an aqueous extract;
 - d) applying the aqueous extract over an anion exchange resin for obtaining a purified feedstuff additive.

5. (Amended) An agent for activating immunity or preventing infection of crustaceans or fishes comprising the low molecular weight lipopolysaccharide of claim 1 as an effective component and a carrier.

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6. (Amended) An agent for activating immunity or preventing infection of crustaceans or fishes comprising an admixture of an immunity-activating or infection-preventing amount of the low molecular weight lipopolysaccharide of claim 1 and a feed.

Please cancel claims 7 and 8 without prejudice or disclaimer.

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15. (Amended) A feedstuff additive according to claim 1, wherein the infection is caused by an infectious microbe selected from the group consisting of: acute viremia of crustaceans, their vibrio diseases, parasitosis or mycosis; iridovirus infectious diseases of fishes, their rhabdovirus diseases, neuroncrosis, infectious hemopoietic organ necrosis, pseudotuberculosis, streptococcal diseases, enterococcus diseases, vibrio diseases, cold-water disease, Pseudomonas diseases, gliding-bacteria diseases and Saprolegnia diseases.